

SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting

January 15, 2004

2:00 p.m.

Room 433, Blatt Building

Members Present: Mr. Staton, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Cooper, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Drew, Senator Fair, Senator Giese, Mrs. Marlowe, Mr. Martin, Mr. Stowe, Mrs. Spearman for Superintendent Tenenbaum, Representative Walker

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Mr. Staton welcomed members and guests to the meeting.
- II. **Approval of the Minutes of December 18:** The minutes of December 18 were approved as distributed.
- III. **Subcommittee Reports:**
 - A. **Academic Standards and Assessments:** Dr. Horne reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. He outlined the process of the cyclical review of the social studies standards and the recommendations included in the report as distributed. There were several questions regarding common syllabi across all schools, the relationship of the standards to end-of-course tests, and the chronological focus of eighth and eleventh grade US history courses as it relates to the maturity of students. The EOC approved the recommendations.
 - B. **EIA and Improvement Mechanisms:** Mr. Daniel drew members' attention to the materials at their desks: selected sections of the Governor's Executive Budget and a side-by-side comparing the EOC recommendations with those of the Governor.
 - C. **Parent and Community Involvement:** Mrs. Marlowe indicated the Subcommittee had not met.
 - D. **Public Awareness:** Mr. Martin reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. He thanked members for participating in the county meetings, noting that they should conclude the first week in February. He also announced that a summary document on the conversations would be available to members.
 - E. **Administration:** Mr. Staton indicated the Subcommittee had not met.
- IV. **Election of the Chairman:** Mr. Stowe nominated Mr. Staton for a second term as chairman; the EOC elected Mr. Staton.
- V. **Special Discussion:** School Readiness: Mrs. Susan DeVenney reviewed the goals and programs promoting school readiness. She outlined the current level and variety of service delivery, linked indicators to subsequent school performance and provided a brief view of the First Steps Blueprint.

- VI. Report from a Key Constituency:** Dr. Teresa Pope, President of the SC Alliance of Black School Educators, addressed the EOC and reviewed the organization's purposes and programs. A summary attachment was distributed.
- VII.** Having no other business, the EOC adjourned at 3:10 p.m.